

Crossing

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President Brown Visits Corporate and Foundation Leaders

Since its founding 20 years ago, Roxbury Community College has had a unique mission of serving the higher education and community learning needs of Boston's diverse minority and recent immigrant populations. Education and training are key to their individual futures and to the future economic vitality of the city. For this reason, the business and foundation communities have always worked in partnership with Roxbury Community College through the RCC Foundation.

In 1993 the Roxbury Community College Foundation undertook an assessment of its long-range goals and its ability to raise private funds for the College. A major theme that emerged from this effort was the desire on the part of leaders in the business and foundation communities to meet RCC's new president, Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown, and to be briefed on her progress to date and her plans for the College's future.

Members of the Board volunteered to introduce Dr. Brown on these special visits, beginning last month

MESSAGE FROM

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT AFFAIRS

Roxbury Community College is at the Crossing. To maintain and enhance the fiscal integrity of the College is essential to the success of this transition. The office of Fiscal and Management Affairs is dedicated to the maintenance, improvement and management of the institutional infrastructure and financial resources that serve the educational purposes of the institution. Through effective leadership and management practices, and within the constraints of limited fiscal resources, our goal is to optimize the utilization of the institutions human, capital and financial resources to promote and facilitate the achievement of the institution's mission and established priorities.

The vision for the next five years includes stabilizing the organizational structure, expanding non-state appropriation funding, strengthening budgetary and cost controls, updating current administrative and academic computing systems and services, improving facilities and grounds maintenance, staff leadership and professional development.

We are embarking on a journey that is full of challenge and excitement. Let us, everyone of the RCC family, join together and contribute our diversified talents and dedication to the future of RCC.

Charles Rubin, Jr.
Vice President
Fiscal & Management Affairs

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with Ronald A. Homer, Chairman and CEO of the Boston Bank of Commerce, the city's only minority-owned banking institution. A member of the RCC Foundation's Board of Directors since 1986, Mr. Homer lives in Lexington and is actively involved with a number of community organizations in Greater Boston.

In a meeting with RCC Foundation Board member and community activist, Alvene Williams, Mr. Homer stated: "I believe in the importance of the College," I am 100% committed to the area and to seeing the College take an active role in the development of the Southwest Corridor [the 4.7 mile strip of land adjacent to the MBTA's Orange Line]."

In a lengthy discussion of the opportunities that development of the Corridor may bring to the community, Dr. Brown agreed that the College can act a convener of various groups involved in the Southwest Corridor, and stated that this would be a perfect role for the College to play.

Dr. Brown will be introduced to officials at Fleet Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Boston Foundation, Hyams Foundation, State Street Foundation, Boston Globe and others at similar meetings this spring.

Eileen Meny x5336

Reaccreditation

RCC reaccreditation team is diligently working on the self-study report. The monthly Steering Committee meetings are now in the process of hearing reports from each of the eleven sub-committees. All of these committees are at the stage of collecting data and preparing the first draft. In spite of the difficulty of the task, owing to hard work and commitment of all team members, progress is being made. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00PM March 24. All meeting minutes and pertinent information are available in the self-study office at x5502.

Jianping Wang x5361

Acuerdo

On February 15, the Acuerdo meeting was held. As planned, a heated discussion on the mission and purpose of the Acuerdo and its current structure was conducted. Recommendations were put forward. These recommendations, together with the content of the discussion were reported back to each assembly. The reports from each assembly meeting were presented at the Acuerdo March meeting which took place on March 22. A detailed proposal for revising the current Acuerdo structure was developed and will be presented to each assembly for further discussion. For a copy of the Acuerdo meeting minutes and information regarding the next Acuerdo meeting, please contact Jianping Wang at x5361.

Jianping Wang x5361

Media Arts Center

During Black History Month the Media Arts Center sponsored the following events:

- **Midnight Ramble** - Friday, Feb. 4 through Sunday, Feb. 6. This film documentary explored the history of African Americans in film making. Afterward, there was a question and answer sessions with the film's producer.

- **Simply Mansur** - Sunday, Feb. 6. This jazz introspective featured musical and dramatic interpretations by a collaboration of jazz musicians and performers. Traditions of Music, storytelling, and song were also demonstrated.

- **Black History Jazz Reception** - Friday, Feb. 18. Sponsored by the SGA in conjunction with Artist-in-Residence Bill Skinner and his jazz quartet, this performance was attended by over 100 Madison Park students. Emphasis was placed on the fact that music is more than entertainment. It is an art form as well.

- **Bridging Bridges** - Saturday, Feb. 19. This inaugural session of a monthly mentoring conference for teens was held by the urban initiative consortium, Bridging Bridges. Over 400 teens attended this day-long conference.

Jeanne Ewing x5394

Day Care Center

The center is looking into the possibility of extending hours if there is enough requests. Please contact Cynthia Williams x5315 for further information.

Announcements • Departments

News From the Boston Business School Campus

This semester the RCC Boston Business School Campus has eighteen secretaries from the Boston School Department taking classes in Word Perfect, Desktop Publishing, and Keyboarding. We are pleased that this cooperative program, which began in 1986, between the Boston School Department's Secretarial Guild and the RCC Boston Business School Campus has proven to be very successful.

The career Ladder program with the City of Boston Local 285 Union is once again a great success. This semester 44 city employees registered to take courses at the RCC Boston Business School Campus.

Beverly Titunik 787-5600

Media Arts Center- March, 1994 Events

Saturday, March 12, 1994
"Bridging Bridges"

Dance Studio and Gallery
8:00AM-2:00PM, Media Arts Center

Friday, March 18, 1994
"Scenes From The Street"

A play sponsored by Dimock Community Health
7:30PM-Auditorium, Media Arts Center

Sunday, March 20, 1994
Spelman College Concert

4:00PM-6:30PM-Auditorium, Media Arts Center

Friday, March 25, 1994
"Salute to Black Women in Jazz"

Sponsored by SGA in conjunction with the Artist-in-Residence William Skinner
11:00AM-3:00PM-Auditorium, Media Arts Center

Business Office

Please look for your Spring 1994 bill before the end of March. If you don't receive one, stop by the Business Office, Room 213 Administration Building between 8:30AM and 4:30 PM. Remember to update your new mailing address with the Registrar's Office.

Remember, your Spring balance must be cleared before Summer 1994 Registration (Late April).

Additional information regarding Fall 1994 registration will be made available in Mid-April.

Fall 1994 Payment Plan Enrollment Forms (The Education Resource Institute or T.E.R.I. and the Academic Management Service or A.M.S.) will be available at the end of April. Note: The payment plan is only available when your balance is zero at the school.

Quinton Wilder x5475

Human Resources

New Employees

Lisa Butler: Clerk III, Counseling and Placement Office. Effective February 7, 1994. Previous employment: RCC work-study and GTE Government Systems in Needham, MA.

Jeanne Ewing: Acting Program Manager, Media Arts Center. Effective February 1, 1994. Previous employment: METCO, Inc. in Roxbury, MA.

Pamela McDonald: Payroll Coordinator, Business Office. Effective February 14, 1994. Previous employment: Goddard Medical Associates, PC. in Brockton, MA.

Annette Douglin: Administrative Assistant II, Office of the VP for Fiscal and Management Affairs. Effective February 14, 1994. Previous employment: Polaroid Corp. in Cambridge.

Tyrone Kelley: Media Arts Center effective March 7, 1994. Previous employment: MBTA.

Jeremy Ryan: Reaccreditation Office effective March 7, 1994. Previous employment: The Inn at Two Village Square, Ogunquit, ME.

Human Resources Office is happy to announce that the T Pass Program is now on the campus. For more information, please contact Gretchen Jones at the Human Resources Office, extension 5330.

Elizabeth Leon x5330

Financial Aid

Fall '94 and Spring '95 "Renewal Applications"-Federal Financial Aid

Students who are receiving Federal Aid During the Fall '93 Semester or the Spring 94 Semester should have received a "Renewal Application" in the mail from the Federal Department of Education. The Renewal Application is intended to ease the application procedure for Financial Aid for Fall '94 and Spring '95. Information such as name, address, and other data are pre-printed on the form. The student needs only to make corrections as necessary, to update certain information such as annual family income, and then send the application back to the specified

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address. (Do not send the Renewal Application to the RCC Financial Aid Office!)

Students who have not received a renewal application should apply for Financial Aid using 1994-1995 FAFASA.

Andrew Gillespie x5322

Counseling and Placement Services

Caps Logo Contest

Congratulation to Jim Dauphine for his inspiring logo, designed for Counseling and Placement Services (CAPS)! A graduate (wearing a cap) is being hoisted to success by his peers and supporters. Jim, a first-year student interested in business and the arts, has an impressive portfolio of paintings. CAPS wants to thank all those who entered the contest and participated in the OPEN CAPS event.

Cross-Registration

This semester students are cross-registered at a number of local colleges: Northeastern, Wheelock, Simmons, UMass Boston and Suffolk University. This enables students to get a sense of what other colleges are like before transferring.

College Fair

Over thirty colleges have signed up for the Spring College Fair, March 30th in the cafeteria from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about the programs you are interested in pursuing after leaving RCC.

Business Panel

Representatives from local businesses and colleges will hold a discussion on career planning issues. Don't miss this important panel: March 23rd, 11:30AM in the Academic Bldg. Room 3-121.

Holly Guran x5328

Faculty

- Congratulation to Professor Tom Maguire who has just received his doctorate.

- Professor Tesfay Aradom, who is a part-time instructor in the Early Childhood Program, spent his winter vacation in his country of origin, Eritrea in East Africa. During his stay there, he provided training for senior officials from the Ministry of Education on the issues pertaining to Early Childhood Curriculum and Day Care Administration. He is also working with the Eritrean government on issues relating to the physiological impact

of war and violence on children. He says the time spent there (5 weeks) was both challenging and personally and professionally rewarding.

- Professor Ethel M. Robinson has a successful surgery and would like to thank all those who wished her a speedy recovery. All of us at RCC wish her a speedy recovery.

- RCC will be hosting the Annual Spring MATSOL Conference (MA. Assoc. of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) on April 8th and 9th. Several of the ESL faculty are serving as site coordinators.

- Prof. Veronica Gonvea will be presenting a demonstration in the College's state of the art language lab. The topic will be Interactive Composition in the lab. Activities, which encourage students to collaborate on the development of compositions, will be presented.

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Needs Your Support

This newsletter is a monthly publication for internal communication purposes. It is distributed on the first Friday of each month. Deadline for submitting information for Crossing is the third Friday of every month. A response form has been enclosed for your convenience. Your participation will assist in making *Crossing* a valuable tool for the entire community. Please contact Ms. Jianping Wang at 427-0060 ext. 5361 for more information.

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Newsletter Response Form

Name: _____

Department:: _____ Extension: _____

Please tell us about upcoming events. You may attach a flyer/brochure or use the space below. Be sure to include date, time, place, title of event, contact, deadlines, and ticket or admission information, etc. You may submit information for the entire semester and it will appear in the most appropriate monthly newsletter.

Please tell us your professional news—conferences attended, promotions, new programs, published works, recent nominations or election to office of an organization, and awards etc.

Please share with us personal announcements—births, marriage, birthdays, or any other news you would like to share the community.

Please send in all announcements, deadline information, or business that you would like circulated to the college community.

Comments or suggestions?

Please fold and staple (using address below) or submit to Jianping Wang, Special Assistant to the President, Office of the President, Administration Building.

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